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To: Beverage Manufacturers and Distributors

Subject: Payment and Reporting for the "Plastic Can" Beverage Container

Effective January 1, 2005, the Department of Conservation, Division of Recycling (Department) has determined that the "plastic can" container is to be reported as "Other Plastic #7" on the Beverage Manufacturer Report (DR-4) and Distributor Report (DR-3). The "plastic can" beverage container is generally constructed with a rigid plastic body and an aluminum or bimetal (excluding metal foil) top and/or bottom.

Previously, beverage manufacturers and distributors may have reported these containers according to the resin code (#1 through #7 located inside a triangle) on the plastic body of these containers. Regardless of the resin type on the "plastic can", beverage manufacturers and distributors must report beverage sales of these containers as "Other Plastic #7". Beverage manufacturers must use the processing fee rate for "Other Plastic #7" when calculating processing fee payment on the DR-4.

The metal tops and bottoms are potential contaminants when recycling plastic beverage containers. Recyclers have been instructed to contact processors receiving these containers to confirm any special handling requirements. The cost of special handling, if any, will be reviewed in 2005 and incorporated in processing fees effective January 1, 2006.

If required, please make the appropriate changes in your reporting of these containers starting with the January 2005 reporting period.

To review notices of changes impacting participants in the beverage container recycling program, please visit the Department's home page on the Internet at <http://www.consrv.ca.gov/DOR/Notices/Index.htm>.

If you have any questions regarding payment and reporting of these or other containers, please contact the Client Services Section at (916) 323-3263 or call 1-800-RECYCLE.

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